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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The literacy of citizens of the State of Illinois  
3 is essential for the civil, social, and economic well-being of  
4 the State of Illinois; residents' literacy and education skills  
5 are required for individuals to reap the full benefit of  
6 opportunities available in the State of Illinois; and

7           WHEREAS, Both the national and global economy depend on  
8 having a literate, skilled adult population; and

9           WHEREAS, Many individuals who are unemployed,  
10 underemployed, or have left high school, lack the literacy  
11 skills to obtain and keep a job with a family-sustaining  
12 income, continue their education, or participate in job  
13 training programs; and

14           WHEREAS, The education skills of parents and their ability  
15 to read to their children directly impact the educational  
16 success of children; and

17           WHEREAS, Parental involvement is a key predictor of a  
18 child's success and the level of parental involvement increases  
19 as the education level of the parent increases; and

20           WHEREAS, Many older people in the State of Illinois lack

1 the reading, math, or English skills to read a prescription and  
2 follow medical instructions, endangering their lives and the  
3 lives of their loved ones; and

4 WHEREAS, Illinois' economy is transforming to one that  
5 demands new knowledge, skills, and credentials; given the  
6 skills needed to compete in today's society, the need for a  
7 pathway system that prepares learners to enter and succeed in  
8 post-secondary education and employment is important; and

9 WHEREAS, Adult education services are needed now more than  
10 ever; there are millions of Illinois residents who have either  
11 not completed their high school education or lack the basic  
12 literacy skills and language skills needed to obtain jobs in  
13 Illinois; for these individuals, obtaining these skills  
14 prepares them to enter middle skill jobs and post-secondary  
15 education; and

16 WHEREAS, Through a diverse provider system and  
17 collaboration with stakeholders to increase access to adult  
18 education services, the Illinois Community College Board  
19 envisions adult education as the foundation of a career pathway  
20 system that prepares adult learners for economic self  
21 sufficiency; the Illinois Community College Board is committed  
22 to strengthening instructional programs and services that  
23 equip students with the skills needed to successfully compete

1 in today's society; and

2 WHEREAS, The purpose of Adult Education is to assist adults  
3 to become literate and to obtain the knowledge and skills  
4 necessary for self-sufficiency employment; assist adults who  
5 are parents to obtain the educational skills necessary to  
6 become full partners in the educational development of their  
7 children; and assist adults in the completion of a secondary  
8 school education; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 declare the week of April 25, 2010 as Adult Education and  
12 Family Literacy Week in the State of Illinois; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That we support the designation of Adult  
15 Education and Family Literacy Week in the State of Illinois,  
16 including raising public awareness about the importance of  
17 adult education and family literacy and encouraging people  
18 across the State of Illinois to support programs to assist  
19 those in need of adult education and family literacy programs;  
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the Adult Education and Family Literacy program,

1 governed by the Illinois Community College Board.